

## ATLANTIC STORM TAKES HEAVY TOLL IN LIFE AND SHIPS

### Tug Edward Luckenbach Goes Down, and Fifteen Men Are Lost.

### GRAVE FEARS ARE FELT FOR STEAMER PRINS MAURITS

### Holland Liner Probably Has Sunk, Taking All on Board to Death.

### SEARCHERS FIND NO TRACE

### Ten Victims Claimed When Barges Founder Off Delaware Capes.

NORFOLK, VA., April 4.—From all parts of the Atlantic coast to-day and to-night, reports of shipwrecks and probable loss of life are reaching this city. With the exception of the loss of fifteen lives, when the tug Edward Luckenbach went to pieces off False Cape yesterday, the most alarming news received here was the probable loss of the Holland steamer Prins Maurits.

The vessel when last heard from was in latitude 35-10 north, longitude 74 east. She sent out wireless calls for assistance and reported that she was in a dangerous condition. That was early yesterday. Two British warships, the steamer City of Montgomery, the coast guard cutter Onondaga and several other vessels rushed to the assistance of the Prins Maurits. The British warships, one of which was the Coronel, reached the position given by the steamer at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

### NO TRACE IS FOUND

### OF MISSING VESSEL

Wireless messages picked up along the coast to-night indicated that none of the vessels had found any trace of the steamer, and his opinion was expressed that she had gone down with all on board. One wireless message stated:

"British warships found no trace of Prins Maurits at position given. Probably sunk."

Another message stated that efforts to reach the vessel by wireless had failed.

The coast guard cutter Onondaga still is searching the seas for the steamer.

Reports from down the coast to-night were meager, because of the crippled condition of the government southeast wires. No news was received from Hatteras or from any point down the coast beyond False Cape.

Reports of large quantities of wreckage all along the coast from Hatteras are being received here frequently.

The barges Henry Edicott, Nantux, Georgia and Potomac, which broke away from the tug Resolution on Friday night during the height of the severe storm that swept this coast, today were towed into this port with all on board safe. The tug Albatross, Resolute and Delancey picked up the barges fifty miles off the Virginia Capes.

Lightship No. 16, stationed off Cape Charles, which was torn from her moorings and carried far out to sea by the storm, was picked up ten miles north of Virginia Beach to-day by the light-house tender Orchid. The lightship was not seriously damaged, and so far as could be learned, none of her crew was injured. High seas broke her cabin windows, and salt water spoiled a portion of the food supply. The vessel lost both her anchors in the gale, and probably will be towed here to secure new ones.

### LIGHTSHIP RIDES

### OUT STORM IN SAFETY

Diamond Shoals lightship was torn from its moorings and drifted four miles off her station. Her anchors held after dragging for three miles, and she rode out the storm in safety. She is reported to have rescued the crew of the schooner M. E. Cressley.

The schooner Baker Palmer, reported ashore near Lynnhaven Bay, proved to be safe to-day. She anchored close in shore to escape the gale, and her anchors held.

The Old Dominion steamer Jefferson from New York, due to arrive here at 1 o'clock this morning, had not arrived to midnight. Agents of the company here said the steamer would arrive about daybreak to-morrow morning.

Damage done by the storm at Virginia Beach, Ocean View and Buckroe will reach \$200,000. The damage at Buckroe alone will aggregate over \$100,000. The beach was washed away on twenty feet inland, and the hotel property was considerably damaged.

Fishermen all along the coast lost their nets, and some are without funds to purchase new ones, and are without means of earning a livelihood.

### FIFTEEN LIVES ARE LOST

### WHEN TUG FOUNDERED

NORFOLK, VA., April 4.—Fifteen men are believed to have lost their lives when the tug Edward Luckenbach, it is understood off False Cape, Va., yesterday. Only two men have so far been accounted for—Harry Olsen, first mate, and Cleora Godwin, second officer. Six bodies have washed ashore at False Cape.

The tug struck yesterday morning during the northeast gale which swept this coast for twenty-four hours. The vessel sank in fifteen minutes after she struck the beach, and the members of her crew had no chance to save their lives.

The Luckenbach was bound to Norfolk.

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## TWENTY-NINE SHIPS SAIL

### Largest Number That Ever Left New York on Sunday.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Twenty-nine ocean-going steamships sailed out of New York harbor to-day, the largest number to leave this port on Sunday in its history. Eight of the largest are bound to the European war zone, while two others are bound to Mediterranean ports.

The Cunarder Lusitania, largest of the fleet to sail, passed out at 7:32 o'clock in the morning, twenty hours late. All these steamships were delayed in their sailings by Saturday's blizzard, which obscured sailing marks in the Ambrose Channel. Most of them spent the night anchored in the lower bay.

The American liner New York had succeeded in navigating as far as the entrance to the channel, and then dropped her anchor. At midnight her officers observed two barges drifting to sea, after they had been blown from their moorings by the storm. Captain Roberts immediately sent a wireless message to the navy-yard, and the Revenue Cutter Mohawk was dispatched to rescue the two barges. They were located at 11 o'clock this morning, seven miles south of Scotland Light and towed back to the bay.

All of the eight steamers bound for the war zone are carrying large cargoes of supplies for the belligerent countries. The Duca d'Aosta, a large Italian ship, is carrying supplies for the Italian government.

### EMBRACES CATHOLICISM

### Mrs. Abbott Low Dow Announces She Has Left Protestant Church.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, April 4.—In an interview in the personal column of a morning paper, announcement was made to-day that Mrs. Abbott Low Dow, daughter of a one-time minister to Belgium, and a cousin of Seth Low, had formally left the Protestant Episcopal Church to embrace the Roman Catholic faith. Friends of Mrs. Dow were not surprised, stating that for several weeks Mrs. Dow has been receiving instructions from the nuns in the convent of the Reparatrice, where she had made a retreat. Mrs. Dow, who is about thirty-five years old, has been a widow since last May, her husband dying at the age of seventy. Her father, General Henry Shelton Sanford, was for many years minister to Belgium, and for having obtained at Washington the recognition of the Congo Free State was decorated by King Leopold. Mr. Dow was for many years New York representative of Brown, Shipley & Co. of London, and was later interested in real estate. They were married in 1905 by the late Bishop Potter.

### PIGEONS FOR THE NAVY

### Marine Captains Conducting Experiments at Norfolk Yard.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Captains H. D. South and E. R. Beadle, of the Marine Corps, on duty at the navy-yard, Norfolk, are giving much attention to the use of homing pigeons for naval purposes, and they have many fine birds in their flocks. Through the cooperation of the headquarters of the Marine Corps here they have shipped several pigeons to Captain W. G. Fay, in command of the marine detachment at Guantanamo, Cuba, where the birds will be used for breeding purposes.

While these officers are conducting the homing pigeon project on their own account and without financial aid from the government, they are receiving encouragement from official sources, since it is realized that carrier pigeons will be useful in the sending of messages in cases where it is impracticable to employ radio or wire telegraphy for purposes of communication. Of course, it would not be practicable to furnish every small detachment with portable radio equipment, but it would be possible for small detachments to carry pigeons that would be available to carry messages in an emergency.

### TO HEAR OXFORD PROFESSOR

### Sir Walter Raleigh Scheduled for Lectures at Princeton.

PRINCETON, N. J., April 4.—President John Grier Hibben has announced that Sir Walter Raleigh, professor of English literature at Oxford University, will deliver in May the series of lectures under the Vanuxem foundation.

Last year the lectures, which were provided for by the late Louis Clark Vanuxem, were delivered in connection with the opening of the graduate college. Professor Emile Boutroux, of Paris; Professor Alexis Riehl, of Berlin; Professor Arthur Shipley, of Cambridge, and Professor A. D. Cooley, of Oxford, being speakers.

### MEDALS FOR DRINKERS

### Prominent New Yorkers Annoyed by Anonymous Sender.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, April 4.—Numerous prominent persons are receiving from an anonymous source medals "dedicated to the citizens of the rum-soaked City of New York." On the medals is the inscription:

"Some of the effects of rum: revelry, rowdiness, riot, remorse, roguery, ruin."

The police would like to know the identity of the sender, and postal authorities are making efforts to find him for them.

### HOW TO SPOT REPEATERS

### Fair Suffragettes Are Being Taught to Work at Polls.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The Women's Political Union has established a class to teach fair workers how to spot repeaters at the polls when the woman suffrage amendment to the Constitution is voted upon. The League has given women the right to act as watchers, and training schools are to be established by suffrage organizations throughout the State.

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## NO EASTER PARADE AT ATLANTIC CITY

### More Than 150,000 Visitors Are Marooned, as Slush and Ice Cover Boardwalk.

### SNOW IN BOSTON AND N. Y.

### Balmy Spring Weather Restores Conditions Almost to Normal in Philadelphia.

ATLANTIC CITY, April 4.—The miles of boardwalk which to-day were to have been a promenade of the latest fashions were a morass of slush and ice.

At the request of the hotel proprietors Mayor Riddle issued a proclamation declaring the annual Easter parade postponed until next Sunday.

More than 150,000 visitors were marooned without their storm clothes. The suddenness of the blow made it all the more depressing, for when the greater part of the Easter party turned in Friday night there was no sign of the storm.

Railroad trains are moving slowly. The long-distance telephone is not working, and the many telegraph lines are down.

This is the first white Easter in Atlantic City's history.

At noon to-day a nor'easter, which started early yesterday, was still kicking up high jinks, while the sun was trying hard to make things right for Atlantic City's biggest day of the year.

Thousands of visitors who arrived early to avoid the crush were "down in the mouth," and Easter frocks will have to wait for more favorable weather.

All the wires were down, poles blown across the tracks, and the electric trains and prevented their running for some time, and communication with the outside world was cut off.

### NEVER BEFORE SUCH STORM AT EASTER

This city was in a daze. Never before has "America's greatest playground" suffered such a storm at Easter time, not in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Ever since the Easter parade became an institution famed throughout the United States there has always been some sort of an Easter parade, but a photograph of the boardwalk to-day will not show the usual character of the parade, although the boardwalk usually clears a short time after a snowstorm.

Atlantic City has always prided itself on its weather, and the severe character of the present catastrophe, for it is so regarded here, is all the more unwelcome because of the thousands of visitors who are here and before whom the town had hoped to make its best impression.

Even in storms, when it is at its worst, Atlantic City is magnificent. The gale was terrific, and the snow fell in blankets. To go out without a complete costume of waterproof or rubber was to return soaked almost to the skin, for the snow was of the kind which sticks when it strikes.

Men and women, snow-covered, were common sights, but later the snow changed in character, and when it was dry, and while the wind was high, it was not altogether unpleasant out of doors. Walking became easier, the slush somehow began to disappear and the city began to renew the life which it had suspended when it woke up.

Mrs. John W. Gates brought a party of friends with her by special train. They expected to pass much of the time automobiling, and when it was Angler Duke, who is engaged to Miss Cordelia Biddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle, is at the Shelburne, Mr. Duke will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Duke and Miss Mary Duke.

Mayor and Mrs. Mitchell, of New York, are at the Strand.

### BALMY SPRING WEATHER MAKES CONDITIONS NORMAL

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—Balmy spring weather to-day restored Philadelphia and vicinity to virtually normal conditions after one of the worst blizzards in the history of the local Weather Bureau. The nineteen inches of snow which fell in twelve hours, breaking all records, disappeared rapidly under the bright sunshine and warm westerly breezes.

Railroad service was resumed to-day to Atlantic City and other coast resorts. Traffic, however, was greatly curtailed, especially to Atlantic City, where the annual Easter parade usually attracts great throngs. Advice from that city said the crowd on the boardwalk did not approach those of former years.

Telegraph and telephone service to coast towns and points in Southern Delaware, interrupted by the gale, had not been restored to many places late last night.

Apprehensions for the safety for the Argentina Dreadnought Moreno, which observers at Rehoboth reported to be close to the beach, was dispelled by the arrival of the big warship to-night at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Her officers reported the ship experienced no difficulty in weathering the storm, and at no time was in danger.

With the exception of damage to the telegraph and telephone lines and losses to the railroads, through the falling off in traffic, the financial loss as a result of the storm was considered comparatively light.

### WHITE EASTER IN NEW YORK FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

NEW YORK, April 4.—New Yorkers enjoyed a white Easter to-day for the first time in many years. Despite the snow, the annual Easter parade took place, a bright warm sun aiding thousands of men in cleaning Fifth Avenue for the display. Unusually large numbers of flowers were in evidence, and

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## SERBIA PROTESTS AGAINST INVASION

### Requests Bulgaria to Arrest and Imprison Persons Responsible for Raid.

### FIFTH INCIDENT OF ITS KIND

### Frontier Guards Pursue and In- flict Losses on Fleeing Irregulars.

PARIS, April 4.—The Petit Journal says that Serbia has protested to Bulgaria because of the invasion of Serbian territory by a force known as Bulgarian irregulars.

While couched in diplomatic terms, the protest is said to request the arrest and imprisonment of the persons responsible for the raid.

Further details of the incident received to-day confirmed the report that the invaders were driven away from the railroad station at Strumitsa, the Serbian town near the Bulgarian border, where the attack was made. The railway station-master at Strumitsa reports that the line to Ghelevich is now clear of the raiders, and apparently has not been damaged.

Serbian frontier guards who pursued the fleeing irregulars, retook two captured cannon.

Six bodies were found in the railway station at Strumitsa. The extent of the losses inflicted on the attacking force is unknown. Thirty bodies were found, and the raiders themselves picked up and buried others.

This is said to be the fifth incident of its kind since the beginning of the European war, and there is much speculation in Paris as to their exact significance. It is felt that Bulgaria's attitude on this occasion will indicate her future policy.

The Havas Agency received to-day from Nish, Serbia, a dispatch saying that the losses of the Serbian troops were sixty killed and fifty-three wounded, including five officers.

### OFFICIAL DISPATCH RECEIVED FROM NISH

LONDON, April 4.—The Serbian legation here received to-day the following official dispatch from Nish:

"The Bulgarian irregulars were driven back from Strumitsa. The fight was short. When re-enforcements arrived our advanced posts cleared Strumitsa station, and the invaders fled in the direction of Bulgaria."

"Our troops, pursuing the enemy, found thirty of their dead, and it is presumed that others were carried away. We lost fifty killed."

A semi-official communication from Nish to Reuters states that the invading force scattered among the Serbian frontier villages and compelled the inhabitants to remove to Bulgaria, taking their goods and cattle with them. It also is stated, although not confirmed, that the invaders set fire to the Serbian blockhouses at Plavotch and Borakli.

### DIFFERENT VIEWS ON BORDER INCIDENT

ROME, April 4 (via Paris).—M. Rizow, Bulgarian minister to Rome, expressed the opinion to-day that the Serbo-Bulgarian border incident was the work of Macedonian revolutionists in Serbia, who oppose the Serbian regime in territory gained in the Balkan war. M. Rizow asserted that the Bulgarian government was not responsible for the affair, and that its only desire was to preserve neutrality.

M. Ristich, the Serbian minister denied this. He said that Macedonians in this part of Serbia had no desire to oppose the present order of things. Responsibility for the incident, he asserted, might be determined by considering to whose interests it would be to provoke such an outbreak. This, he said, pointed clearly to Bulgaria, which, by occupying the left bank of the Vardar River, could threaten to cut Serbian communications with Saloniki, the only source from which the country could bring in supplies. Already he said wire communication had been cut.

### SAVED BY HIS TERRIER

### Dog Attacks Huge Buffalo to Protect Master.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, April 4.—With a huge buffalo rushing upon him full tilt from the rear, James Crowley, keeper at Central Park Zoo, was saved from serious injury to-day by his pet Alredale terrier. Crowley had entered the buffalo pen, and was stooping to pick up the body of a pet rooster, killed by the storm, when "Black Diamond," the fighter of the herd of buffaloes, rushed upon him. Crowley knew nothing of his danger until his dog attacked the animal. He just had time to make a dash for the gate. In a few minutes the dog, seeing his master safe, came racing safely out of the pen.

### LABOR BEARS WAR BURDEN

### Members of Parliament Address Gathering of Workmen.

NORWICH, ENGL., April 4.—James Keir Hardie and Frederick W. Jowett, members of Parliament, addressing a labor meeting to-night, declared the working classes were bearing the greater part of the war burden. They protested against the allegation that workmen were indulging in drink and idleness. There were no anti-war speeches.

The meeting was attended by delegates to the Independent Labor party's annual meeting, and was arranged as a demonstration to precede the regular meeting.

While to-night's meeting was in session, big crowds surrounded the building in which it was held and sang national hymns.

## Austrians Driven From Vantage Point on Beskid Mountains

### THE Russian army which took the Austrian fortress of Przemyśl has achieved another victory. Starting westward from the Gal- ician stronghold immediately after its fall, the Muscovites now have entered the Beskid Mountains—a range which connects the little Carpathians with the Eastern Car- pathians, and forms part of the boundary between Galicia and Hun- gary—and driven out the Austrians who have stubbornly held the passes and heights.

Brief indeed is Vienna's acknowledgment that this vantage point, the gateway to the plains of Northern Hungary, has been evacuated. It says merely that the Austrians were compelled to make the move because of the presence of large Russian re-enforcements from Przemyśl.

To the eastward in the Carpathians sanguinary fighting is taking place. Both the Austrians and the Russians claim victories at various points and the capture of men and guns. In the region of Virova

Austria asserts that 2,020 prisoners were taken. In the vicinity of Zalesaitow almost all the defenders of a Russian position were killed by the heavy guns of the Austrians, and the position was taken. This admission is made by the Russian commander-in-chief, who, however, asserts that the place almost immediately was retaken by a counter-attack.

There has been little fighting in the west.

Semi-official reports reaching Petrograd say the Turkish armored cruiser Medjidieh has been sunk by a mine in the Black Sea off the Russian coast.

Two steamers have been blown up as a result of the naval warfare. A German submarine has destroyed a British steamer in the English Channel off the southern end of the coast of Cornwall, with a loss of four men of the crew, while a German steamer has been sent to the bottom by a mine in the Baltic.

### CRUISER WILL BE GIVEN ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

### If German Raider Wants to Make Dash for Sea, It May Do So To-Day.

MERCHANT SHIPPING HALTED

No Commerce-Carrying Vessels of  
Allies May Leave Port for Twenty-  
four Hours, Leaving Way Clear to  
Eitel Friedrich.

Nothing to Indicate  
Long-Expected Dash

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 5.—At 1 o'clock this morning the Prinz Eitel Friedrich was still at her pier, and there appeared to be nothing to indicate that she intended making an attempt to make a dash to sea any time soon.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 4.—Having failed to take advantage of a twenty-four-hour period during which she was at liberty to make a dash through the lane of British warships which lurk for her destruction off the Virginia capes, the German merchant-raiding cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich remained at her dock here at a late hour to-night. United States naval forces still patrol the port guarding the Prinz Eitel, aided by Coast Artillerymen from Fortress Monroe. Late in the day the battleship Alabama, which had been anchored in Hampton Roads off Old Point Comfort, guarding the channel to the sea, changed her position, moving further in and anchoring at the point where the Elizabeth River at Norfolk and the James River at Newport News flow into the roads. Near the shipyard, where the Eitel is in dock, were the naval tug Sonoma and submarine boat D-2, while the naval tug Patuxent remained moored to the pier at the Eitel's stern.

That Captain Thierlacher, commander of the Eitel, had intended to leave the refuge of this American port last night, was declared positively to-night, and to afford him the opportunity the United States government held up the departure of British merchant ships from this port for twenty-four hours, which expired at 5:45 last night. To-night, however, the Prinz Eitel was inert, and there were no signs of preparations for early departure. Scores of the crew were given shore leave, and were still about the streets here to-night.

Some unexpected development, it was reported, had arisen to prevent the dash to the sea last night.

Another opportunity for the merchant raider to depart, it was reported here to-night, would be given by the United States to-morrow and to-morrow night. Machine men here assert to-night that instructions have been received to permit no merchant ships of the allies to leave the ports of Norfolk and Newport News after noon Monday until noon Tuesday. This will give the Eitel another period of liberty in which to leave United States waters, even if all the time for her to make repairs allotted by the United States government has not expired. As three British merchant ships left this port early to-day, the Eitel would not be permitted to go before 10 o'clock to-morrow at the earliest.

### DR. WILLIAM P. SWARTZ DEAD

### Pastor of Forest Hills Church and Ac- tive in Mission Work.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, April 4.—Rev. William P. Swartz, D. D., a leader in Presbyterian mission work, and pastor of the church at Forest Hills, died at that place to-day from pneumonia. He was a native of Ohio, and fifty-six years old. Dr. Swartz was a member of the board of control of the International Missionary Union, a director in the American Tract Society, and was chairman of the Works Congress on Sabbath Observance to be held in July at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

### EXODUS FROM ITALY

### Great Numbers of Germans and Aus- trians Leaving Daily.

COPENHAGEN, April 4.—Great numbers of Germans and Austrians are daily leaving Italy. All trains north-bound are overloaded, and bookings are placed for days in advance. Three thousand already have left Rome.

## TURKISH CRUISER SINKS AFTER STRIKING MINE

### The Medjidieh Goes Down Near Rus- sian Coast on Saturday Night.

### MEMBER OF BLACK SEA FLEET

### Had Complement of 302 Men—Ger- man Steamer Destroyed by Mine and Twenty-Five of Crew Drowned. Dublin Ship Is Submarine Victim.

LONDON, April 4.—The sinking of the Turkish armored cruiser Medjidieh is reported in a Reuter's Petrograd dispatch. A semi-official communication from Sebastopol to Petrograd says that the Medjidieh struck a mine near the Russian coast last night and went down.

The Medjidieh was a member of the Turkish Black Sea fleet, which has attacked Russian ports and sunk Russian vessels. On January 31, Petrograd announced that the Medjidieh, with the Turkish cruiser Midilli, formerly the German cruiser Breslau, had been discovered near Samsonov, but escaped the Russian fleet.

The Medjidieh was built in Philadelphia. She was a small vessel, and her armament was light. She was 331 feet long and forty-two feet beam, and displaced 3,432 tons. She was armed with two 6-inch guns, eight 4.7-inch guns, six 3-pounders, six 1-pounders and two torpedo tubes. Her complement was 302 men.

### CREW OF MEDJIDIEH REPORTED AS RESCUED

LONDON, April 5.—Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent says:

Berlin dispatch received here states that the Turkish fleet yesterday (Saturday) was near Odessa, and that the cruiser Medjidieh, while pursuing enemy mine sweepers in the vicinity of the fortress of Ochakov, struck a drift mine and sank. Her crew was saved by Turkish warships.

"The sailors of the Medjidieh, the dispatch adds, 'before the ship sank removed the breechlocks of the guns and torpedoed the ship to prevent her being refloated by the Russians.'"

### STEAMER CITY OF BREMEN SUNK BY SUBMARINE

LONDON, April 4.—The steamer City of Bremen, of Dublin, has been sunk by a German submarine off Wolf Rock, in the English Channel, about fifteen miles south of Land's End, Cornwall. Four members of the crew were drowned. Twelve survivors have reached Penzance.

Available shipping records do not contain the name of the steamer City of Bremen, of Dublin.

### GERMAN STEAMER SINKS; TWENTY-FIVE DROWNED

LONDON, April 5.—A Reuter dispatch from Stockholm says the German steamer Grete Hemsoth struck a mine in the Baltic and sank, and that twenty-five of her crew were drowned.

The Grete Hemsoth was a vessel of 1,554 tons. She was engaged in traffic between Sweden and Germany.

### THIRTY-FIVE DROWNED IN DISASTER

PARIS, April 4.—Thirty-five of the crew were drowned by the destruction of the unidentified Austrian steamer which blew up in the Danube on the night of March 30, after striking a mine near Ritopek, according to a Havas dispatch from Nish. It is believed the steamer was loaded with a large quantity of munitions and artillery supplies for Turkey. The wreck was carried by the current within range of the Serbian artillery at Ditopek. Another explosion followed the bombardment of the hull, and the wrecked vessel sank.

Before leaving Semlin, the captain is reported to have reminded the members of his crew that they had an important mission to fill and each received a bonus.

### LABORATORY IS CLOSED

### Finds It Impossible to Secure Chemicals from Germany.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

BERLIN, April 4 (wireless via Sayville).—Moscow papers report that because of inability to secure German chemicals, the chemical laboratory of Moscow University has been obliged to close, as prices for chemicals are prohibitive. It is probable the laboratory of the agricultural high school will be forced to close for the same reason.

## STUBBORN FIGHTS RAGE FOR PASSES IN CARPATHIANS

### Austrians Admit They Are Forced to Retreat in Beskid Mountains.

### CLAIM TO HAVE REPULSED MANY RUSSIAN ATTACKS

### Also Report They Have Taken More Than 2,000 Muscovite Prisoners.

### GERMANS MAKE GAIN IN WEST

### Nothing New Is Received From Dar- danelles or From Turkish Fronts.

LONDON, April 4.—Stubborn battles are still being fought for the passes in the Carpathians, but elsewhere comparative calm appears to prevail. The Austrians to-day admitted they had been forced to retreat in the Beskid Mountains, while to-night they claimed to have repulsed many Russian attacks, and to have taken more than 2,000 prisoners.